

FICA Meeting Notes - March 2, 2009

Members present:

CA: Tim Cox, Barb VanWicklin

Erie1/WNYRIC: Carol Barber, Rosanne Huffcut, Michelle Okal, Barb Mocarski

E2: Ann Maguire, Sue Benson, Theresa Gray

Agenda:

1. **Online resources** – Each BOCES discussed the various resources being provided to districts as services and how they were being delivered. Software includes items such as: Unitedstreaming, PowerMedia Plus, Brain Pop, Study Island, School Island, Master Guru, etc. Some districts are looking for the WNYRIC to investigate delivery tools so that resources like these could be delivered through a single interface. CA BOCES is already doing that with MediaNet. The group will discuss how to provide this as a service to the other regions and what the WNYRIC role would be.
2. **Web conferencing tools** – There are many tools being used throughout the region for web conferencing and online collaboration. Software such as Elluminate, Adobe Connect and Yugma were named. These are mainly in use by BOCES and WNYRIC staff for collaboration with districts for staff development. We discussed the possible expansion of the service to districts for district use as online meetings become more popular. The BOCES will consider possible contract collaboration in this area.
3. **Planning for Staff Development** – WNYRIC offered joint planning for staff development as the BOCES begins to plan with their districts for the coming year. The CSLO administrator meetings will be held in May so that would be a great time to show the districts that we are working together to provide them with the best possible service. Dates of the meetings will be shared. This is especially important in the E2CC region as the Model Schools CoSer is new in that region.
4. **Technology coordinator meetings** – As a follow-up to the past meeting, we continued to talk about the Technology Coordinator meetings and how they are a struggle in each of the regions to get these people out of the district and to provide content that meets all the varying needs. The last meeting in Erie 1 was held after the TIF meeting (Technology Integrators Forum). Many district instructional technology leaders attend TIF. Therefore, holding the meeting at that time might facilitate their attendance at the Technology Coordinator meeting. The group is going to try that again as there was positive feedback. CA thought that perhaps in 09-10 they may want to try the same approach in their region.
5. **HSNF conference** – The conference is to be held as a 1 day event. Each BOCES is seeking teacher presenters. RFP was to all regions and the CSLO list.

Next meeting: June 8, 5:00 p.m. Tantalus Restaurant, East Aurora